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SUBJ: NEW AFM ASSEMBLY

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1. 240 DELEGATES ATTENDED APRIL 7 MEETING OF THE "NEW" ASSEMBLY OF THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (AFM). ASSEMBLY COMPOSITION CONSISTED OF 120 ARMY REPRESENTATIVES, 60 FROM AIR FORCE, AND 60 FROM NAVY. SELECTION OF DELEGATES FROM WITHIN BRANCHES OF RESPECTIVE SERVICES PROBABLY CARRIED OUT BY APPOINTMENT ALTHOUGH SOME DELEGATES FROM RESERVES MAY HAVE BEEN ELECTED.

2. DAO REPORTS THAT RATIO OF OFFICERS TO SENIOR ENLISTED AND JUNIOR ENLISTED PERSONNEL WAS 80-20-20 AMONG ARMY DELEGATES, CONFIDENTIAL

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40-10-10 AMONG NAVY, AND 40-16-4 IN THE AIR FORCE. ADDITIONAL

ELEMENT IN ASSEMBLY WAS PRESENCE OF RESERVES (MILICIANOS) IN PLACE OF REGULAR OFFICERS (QUADRO-PERMANENTES-QP). DECREASE IN NUMBER OF PQS RESULTED IN AFM SPOKESMAN VASCO LOURENCO'S STATEMENT THAT MORE DIVERSE COMPOSITION DID NOT SIGNAL LACK OF CONFIDENCE BY AFM IN QPS. ASSEMBLY REPORTEDLY UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED IDENTICAL STATEMENT READ BY PRIME MINISTER WHICH NOTED THAT NEW ASSEMBLY COMPOSITION REPRESENTED ALL PARTS OF HIERARCHY AND MORE FIRMLY BASED ON UNIT LEVEL.

3. ACCORDING TO AFM COMMUNIQUE, AGENDA ON APRIL 7 ASSEMBLY INCLUDED FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- (A) "ESCLARECIMENTO" (ENLIGHTENMENT) MEASURES TAKEN BY REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (RC),
- (B) INTERNAL INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF AFM,
- (C) RELEASE OF REPORT ON ABORTIVE MARCH 11 COUP,
- (D) CREATION OF A REVOLUTIONARY MILITARY TRIBUNAL TO TRY ALLEGED PARTICIPANTS IN MARCH 11 ABORTIVE COUP,
- (E) DISCUSSION OF RC DIRECTIVE OUTLINING FRAMEWORK OF ACTION TO IMPLEMENT "SOCIALIST OPTION" FOR PORTUGAL,
- (F) PLATFORM OF AGREEMENT SUBMITTED TO POLITICAL PARTIES,
- (G) NEED FOR SHORT-TERM EMERGENCY ECONOMIC MEASURES, AND
- (H) MAINTENANCE OF ORDER DURING ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN.

4. ASSEMBLY ALSO DEFINED ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE RC AND ARMED FORCES. ASSEMBLY DECIDED THAT ITS TASK IS TO PASS ALONG ARMED FORCES AND POPULAR SENTIMENT TO RC AND LIKEWISE TRANSMIT RC DIRECTIVES TO THE ARMED FORCES AS A WHOLE.

5. THIS REPORT PREPARED JOINTLY WITH DAO.

6. COMMENT: FEWER PQS BY THE ADDITION OF RESERVE AND ENLISTED MEN WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY ADD A MORE LEFTIST CAST TO THE AFM ASSEMBLY. HOW LEFTIST WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL THE ASSEMBLY DEVELOPS TRUE CONSENSUS.

7. THERE IS NOT MUCH DOUBT THAT THE ASSEMBLY IS AN ORGAN DISTINCTLY SUBSERVIENT TO THE RC. WHEREAS UNDER OLD ARRANGEMENT, THERE WAS AT LEAST THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE ASSEMBLY COULD CONTROL COUNCIL OF 20 (RC'S PREDECESSOR), THIS IS NO LONGER THE CASE.

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